

THE HALL DECORATED.

Nearly Ready to Break
Ground for the Rapid
Transit.

Saturday will be a gala day for downtown New York. On that day work on the Rapid Transit tunnel will begin.

As the tunnel is to be cost \$5,000,000 and to accommodate the people of the second greatest city on earth, the work will be started with festivities and ceremonies such as have marked few works of the kind undertaken in the past decade.

With banners flying, music playing and thousands upon thousands of glad New Yorkers applauding, the first shovel of earth will be taken from the ground on a solid silver spade.

Then on the spot from which the earth was taken a great bronze tablet will be placed to commemorate the day and the work as long as New York stands on Manhattan Island.

A big reception will be held at the City Hall. A thousand guests have been bidden thereto. To cover the cost of this and other festivities \$5,000 has been provided.

The ceremonies will take place in front of the City Hall. Preparations are already making for the event.

The City Hall is being decorated inside and out. Great streamers of varicolored flags have been stretched from four poles far above the roof and the front is partly hidden by the masses of bunting. Flags of all nations are seen on the streamers.

The rotunda and lobby within the building are also gay with bunting. Two immense masts have been set up directly in front of the building. Here a platform will be erected, on which the ceremonies will take place. It will be covered with a decorative portico.

From the masts long streamers of bunting will be stretched to the City Hall and to the trees close by, producing a sort of May-pole effect.

Reviewing stands are now in process of construction. From these the city's President, Mayor, and the various city officials will take their places on the day of the ceremony.

On one of the stands a band will be stationed. The ceremonies will begin at 1 P. M. The band will start the ball rolling with an appropriate air. Mayor and the President of the City will then turn the first earth in the space.

He will be succeeded by Contractor McDonald and the Rapid Transit Commissioners, each of whom will take a hand in digging out the hole.

After the place has been properly prepared, the hole will be filled with concrete for the occasion will be lowered into position.

Comptroller Coker, who has done so much for the cause of rapid transit, will follow with a speech.

The ceremonies will conclude with the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner by the band.

WANTS HIS PRESENTS BACK

Seidel Changed His Mind, Deded a Love Potion and Haled Girl to Court.

Miss Rosie Jomewski, twenty-five years old, of 25 Second avenue, was arraigned in Yorkville Court this morning on complaint of Walter Seidel, of 181 Allen street.

Seidel alleged that, as fiancée of Miss Jomewski, he had given her a watch, pearl ring and pair of bracelets. He had changed his mind and wanted his presents back.

The young woman told the Magistrate she had been forced to love Seidel, and had changed her mind, which, she said, contained a love potion.

TOOK HER HEART AND RING.

Missie Cray Says Her Wooer Also Was Provided with a Wife at Home.

Missie Cray, of 316 Halsey street, Brooklyn, is not particular about remuneration for her damaged affections as long as she gets her diamond ring back. On Dec. 31 she became engaged to Fred Ray, thirty years old, of 42 West Twenty-ninth street. He took her \$100 diamond ring to have it made into a two-stone engagement ring. Then he disappeared.

Two weeks ago at his home, Miss Cray says, she found a woman who claimed to be his wife.

Ray was ordered to appear before Judge Voorhees in the Gates Avenue Court, Williamsburg, today, but was reported to be seriously ill. The case was continued till Monday.

MILLINERY OPENING.

BROADWAY & 11TH STREET

The millinery opening at James McCree & Co., Broadway and Eleventh street, is remarkable for a distinct quality that is too often lacking in the usual fashion exhibition of hats. All the hats are wearable. Every creation, although pretty, suggests that some woman will select and carry it off for her first spring costume. They are not conspicuous, yet smart and becoming, really ready to wear.

Good light-weight straw, horse-hair and gauzy fabrics are used, with quantities of flowers, cleverly arranged to ornament the hat, not make it a burden almost too heavy to be borne.

A remarkably pretty model is made of gauzy straw, with rose pom-pom of chiffon and trailing orchids round the brim.

Another attractive hat is made of chiffon, with straw application, trimmed with smart pom-pom and chiffon scarf. The particular shape is prevalent. The same style and trimming are unusually good.

Those ladies who prefer to make a gradual change from winter to summer will find numerous models for the awkward period of dress known as "between seasons."

The trimmings, flowers and untrimmed hats are separate models. They are very beautiful and very effectively arranged for exhibition. One basket of hats and another is a collection of hats, composed of what might be said to be a mixture of the two styles. The hats are made of straw, with a bow and a small veil, and are very smart.

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SIEGEL & COOPER

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1900.

Fame Follows Merit Wherever It Goes.

This may not be very original—but it is certainly very true. A permanent success is never an accidental happening. Applied to our business we claim that its rapid, uninterrupted growth is due to but one thing—merit.

Bargain Friday

is always a good time for the testing of the store's money-saving ability, and its great popularity is due to the many meritorious attractions we always provide for the day. To-morrow will be no exception—as you will see by the list that follows:

Clothing.

Take advantage of our special offerings in clothing for Bargain Friday and get yourself or your boy a good stylish overcoat or suit for Spring wear at prices that you can't equal at any other store in or about New York.

600 MEN'S SPECIAL SPRING TOP-COATS, made of strictly woolen overcoat, in the new tan shades, as well as fine quality Oxford mixed coatings, cut in the latest style and splendidly lined and tailored; would be considered cheap at \$5.00; here to-morrow at

5.00

MEN'S BLACK AND BLUE SUITS, made of strictly woolen cloth, absolutely fit in color; the regulation sack coat cut, trimmed with a fine grade of Albert cloth and well tailored, in dress suitable for men of all builds; a choice to-morrow at the very low price of

5.50

MEN'S TROUSERS—500 pairs will be placed on the Bargain Table to-morrow. They are all made of a splendid grade of Union-mixed woolens, in pretty stripe patterns, in all the new spring designs, and though they are regularly worth \$2.50, you may have a choice to-morrow for

1.65

BOYS' 2-PIECE SUITS—500 Boys' special 2-piece suits will go on sale to-morrow. They are all made of strong woolen material, in the new spring designs, and though they are regularly worth \$2.50, you may have a choice to-morrow for

1.50

BOYS' TWO-PIECE SUITS, a better grade, made of strictly all woolen material, in the new spring designs, and though they are regularly worth \$2.50, you may have a choice to-morrow for

2.95

BOYS' SAILOR SUITS, made in the sailor style, of approved fast fade blue, with white trimmings, and fitted with silk ties; the regular \$3.50 grade; here to-morrow (ages 4 to 16 years), at

2.25

500 Odd Watches.

An unprecedented Bargain Friday offering. Not many watches of a kind, but many kinds suitable for men and boys, women and girls. Every watch a reliable timepiece, and guaranteed as such for one year from the date of sale.

Six big lots, as follows:

LOT 1. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 apiece, comprising emeralds, solid gold, solid silver and gold filled watches, fitted with gold movements; your choice for

7.50

LOT 2. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$7.50, \$9.50 and \$11.50; your choice for

5.75

LOT 3. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$5.50, \$7.50 and \$9.50; your choice for

4.50

LOT 4. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$4.50, \$6.50 and \$8.50; your choice for

3.75

LOT 5. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$3.50, \$5.50 and \$7.50; your choice for

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LOT 6. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$2.50, \$4.50 and \$6.50; your choice for

1.95

LOT 7. ALL WATCHES which were formerly sold at \$1.50, \$3.50 and \$5.50; your choice for

1.25

Suits.

For Bargain Friday we present these magnificent offerings, the like of which you will not find elsewhere:

27-IN. ALL SILK BLACK TAFFETA, a strong, firm, lustrous, well-made cloth, of a soft finish; admirably suited for waists or entire dresses; usually retailed at \$9.00; on sale to-morrow special at

5.80

BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE, 27-in. wide, all pure silk, of a soft, rich finish; usually priced at \$1.25 a yard; here to-morrow special at

98c

ALL SILK TAFFETAS, hemstitched, in all the latest spring shades, including cream, ivory, white and black, also the very scarce shades of pink, turquoise and mauve; this quality is shown elsewhere to-day as a special bargain at 70c a yard; offered for Bargain Friday at

49c

WOMEN'S FINE CAMBRIC GOWN, of fine quality, with circular yoke of all-over insertion and fine tucks, finished with Torchon lace edged ruffle; for Bargain Friday

58c

WOMEN'S LIGHT PERCALE WAIST, 19-in. deep, yoke, bodice, etc., finished with head and shoulder edge, lined waist and full skirt, with ruffle around bottom; pretty, clean pattern (12 to a customer only); at

68c

WOMEN'S MUSLIN SKIRTS, deep umbrellas, finished with ruffle and finished with cluster of 8 tucks, drop skirt; here to-morrow at

49c

WOMEN'S SKIRTS, of black satin or mirror cloth, in black and colors, accented and knive pleated; handsome styles, with extra full flounce; your choice to-morrow for

1.00

CHILDREN'S WEAR.

Your little one will look sweeter and prettier than ever in these inexpensive garments. Try it and see. Remember, these are Big Store prices, and for to-morrow only:

INFANTS' SHORT FLANNEL SKIRTS, of all-wool flannel, 6 months to 2 years, made with waist, worth \$1.50 to \$2.25, but as they are slightly soiled they will be offered to-morrow at

59c

CHILDREN'S WHITE LAWN GOWNS, tucked and trimmed with dainty embroidery, size 4 to 12 years, worth \$1.00; here to-morrow at

69c

SILK CAPS, trimmed with lace and ribbon, size 6 months to 2 years, worth 30c; here to-morrow at

19c

A Ribbon Special.

We will place on sale to-morrow 2,500 pieces of HEAVY DOUBLE-FACED SATIN RIBBONS, from 4 to 1 1/2 inches wide, with corded edges, in black and all the new spring colorings; regularly

27c

Cigars.

To quickly close out several odd lots of cigars we offer the following exceptional values for Bargain Friday:

LOT 1. 6,000 SUMATRA WRAPPER and NEST HAVANA Filter Cigars, several brands in assorted sizes, worth up to \$2.50 per box of 50; offered for to-morrow at

1.50

LOT 2. 6,000 SUMATRA and HAVANA SEED Wrapper Cigars, fine combination of sizes, worth up to \$2.50 per box of 50; offered for to-morrow at

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THE BIG STORE.

Millinery.

In addition to our magnificent display of beautiful and inexpensive Spring Millinery, we will place on sale another lot of the popular MISS HOBBS' HATS, made of tuck chignon, beautifully trimmed with chiffon, silk velvet ribbon and handsome ornament in black, white and all desirable colors; you'll pay \$3 elsewhere for a hat the equal of the one we offer to-morrow for

1.45

An entirely new showing of handsomely TRIMMED HATS, made of fine chiffon and maline, imported straw brims, all exquisitely trimmed with choice covers and newly materials, fashioned after the latest Parisian models; not a hat in the assortment worth less than \$10; your choice to-morrow for

5.00

Sheet Music. A Bargain Friday offering of all the latest and best bits of popular music at a popular price. Here are a few of the titles:

The Blue and the Gray, My Little Georgia Rose, The Tiger Lily, Dat Cuckoo Got a Soft Spot for Me, I Couldn't Stand to See My Baby Love, I Don't Care to Be Your Lady Free No More, One Night in June, What Is Home With Latest Songs, I Wonder If She's Waiting? Bird in a Gilded Cage, Comedy King (March and 2-step), Happy Moo (Coke Walk), Wait (by the authors of "Baccarat"), I'm Certainly Living a Ragtime Life, as sung by Anna Held in Papa's Wife, Your Choice, per copy,

15c

Household Furnishings.

We keep full lines of the best at all times, and sell them cheaper than they can be had elsewhere. To-morrow's special quotations are as follows:

CURTAIN STRETCHERS, the improved style, made of hard wood, 7x14 ft.; special to-morrow at

85c

BREAD BOXES, neatly styled, in Japanese tin, large size, special to-morrow at

25c

IRONING BOARDS, 4 1/2 ft., one-piece stock, special to-morrow at

30c

MRS. POTTS' IRONS, in sets to-morrow at

65c

WASHBOARDS of zinc, double faced, with apron protector, to-morrow at

25c

DISHDRAINS, 14-quart size, of gray steel enameled ware, to-morrow at

25c

TEA AND COFFEE POTS, of gray steel enameled ware, 3-quart size, to-morrow at

18c

STEPLADDERS, the 5-foot size, sturdy made, with malleable iron trimmings, special to-morrow at

40c

MARKET BASKETS, in assorted sizes, made of strong willow, at

30c

TOILET PAPER, in large rolls of finest tissue, special at

3c

PARLOR HOOKS, the 3-sewed select stock, No. 7 size, to-morrow at

22c

READY-MIXED PAINTS, for inside or outside work, all colors and shades, the 1-2 pint size, special to-morrow at

10c

TAR SHEETS, size 48 x 60 in.; guaranteed moth proof, per doz., to-morrow at

45c

MODEL REFRIGERATORS ON ICE CHESTS, lined with charcoal, built of hard wood, with solid brass locks and hinges, zinc lining, galvanized shelves, removable waste pipe, cut No. 430, 7x15, 15x15, special to-morrow at

6.00

APARTMENT-BOUSE ICE CHESTS in the above make, the 25-inch size, 19x25 inches, special to-morrow at

11.50

EDNA COOKING RANGES, built with extra heavy castings, large size firebox, with dumping grate, extra large oven, reducing cover, complete with pipe, elbow and damper, No. 7 size, regularly worth \$12.00, special at

8.00

OUR BAKING RANGE, with extra large base, good cooker, one of the oldest and most practical stoves on the market, No. 7 size, for to-morrow only, special at

9.75

Laces & Embroideries

Main Aisle, First Floor. Special Spring Offerings of new and beautiful goods at prices that will save you fully half.

LACES—Valenciennes and Point de Paris, in 2 1/2, with edgings and insertions to match, the very newest patterns, your choice, per yd.,

10c

TORCHON EDGES AND INSERTIONS—Dainty little patterns, also in 2 1/2, to 2 1/2 in. wide, specially adapted for underwear trimmings, in 12-yd. pieces,

29c

EMBROIDERIES AND INSERTIONS—A miscellaneous assortment of well-made and attractive edges, ranging from a 2-in. plain edge to a 14-in. skirt ruffle, also many pretty insertions, in narrow and wide widths, all at the uniform price, per yd.,

10c

ALLOVERES—20 in. wide, in lace and embroidery effects, the most sought after material for summer waists, 25 different patterns, at, per yd.,